



# The Toni Times

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COUNCILMEMBER TONI ATKINS

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## **PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 26**

*Considered Critical for Infrastructure, but Ratepayers Still Able to Protest*

Mayor Sanders has determined that there is no option but to increase water and sewer rates in order to pay for over \$1.2 billion in capital improvements to San Diego's water and wastewater systems that are necessary to meet state and federal government requirements. On February 26, the City Council will be asked to vote on the proposed increases, which will amount to 6.5% increases in water rates each year for the next four years and 8.75% increases in sewer rates in 2008 and 2009, with 7% increases in 2010 and 2011. While these percentages reflect the increases in revenue that are needed to finance the necessary capital improvements, the actual percentage increase to a customer's bill will depend on the amount of water that is used.

Despite the case for increased rates, property owners and ratepayers still have an opportunity to file protests. Under Proposition 218, if a majority

of affected property owners or ratepayers file a formal protest, the new rates can not go into effect.

Protests must be in writing, signed by the property owner or customer of record and must be filed with the City Clerk before the close of the public hearing on the fees, February 26, 2007. Email protests will not be accepted. Protests must identify the property for which it is cast so the City can determine if protests have been received on behalf of a majority of properties served by the city. All protests will be counted equally. They should be mailed to:

City Clerk  
202 C Street  
San Diego, CA 92101

In order to make it as simple as possible to file a protest, a form will be included in the water bill that can be signed and returned.



# MEASURES TO RESTORE CITY'S FINANCIAL HEALTH UNDERWAY



The City Council continues to take steps to restore the City's fiscal integrity, while at the same time the Mayor and the Council begin to develop a budget for Fiscal Year 08 that will ensure that we live within our means and meet our responsibilities going forward. Unfortunately, it is likely that will mean pain for virtually every resident and employee of the city.

Remedial measures recently implemented include hiring respected securities lawyer Stanley Keller to serve as San Diego's Independent Monitor for the next three years. Keller's primary responsibility will be to oversee the city's financial management to ensure that problems identified by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) are not repeated. Hiring an Independent Monitor is required by the City's settlement with the SEC regarding bond documents that did not accurately warn investors about the City's fiscal problems.

The Council also established an Audit Committee to oversee the city's audit functions, internal financial controls, and the accuracy of the City's financial documents. Councilmember Kevin Faulconer will chair the committee, Councilmember Tony Young will serve as vice-chair, and I will also serve as a member of the committee. This committee is intended to provide a system of checks and balances as the Mayor proceeds with the many changes needed to implement reform.

The process of developing the Fiscal Year 08 budget began in January with the Council identifying its priorities and our Independent Budget Analyst providing us with analysis of the Mayor's Five Year Financial Outlook. The Council's priorities will be conveyed to the Mayor, who has until April 15 to present a proposed budget to the Council. Public hearings, including at least one in the evening, will be held throughout April and May, with the Council making its final changes and submitting them to the Mayor in early June. The Mayor then either accepts the Council's changes or vetoes the budget. The Council will give the budget final approval on June 20.

The Mayor's Five Year Outlook projects a deficit for this fiscal year of at least \$87 million. Even after identifying a number of cost-saving measures, the City still faces a \$24.6

million gap. We do not yet have details about how the Mayor proposes to close this gap. A big drain on the budget will be making payments to the retirement system to ensure the system is solvent and can meet its future obligations to retired city employees. In addition, we must somehow find money for items such as increasing police pay to stop experienced officers we critically need from leaving for other cities that pay better.

The City also faces legal mandates to improve our stormwater runoff and sewage treatment systems. Our roads, public buildings, and other infrastructure are aging and we must begin an aggressive program of repairing and replacing them. Traditionally, governments finance such large projects by borrowing money at very favorable interest rates by issuing municipal bonds. Because of errors in the City's financial audits, we have been closed out of that market and have been forced to either deplete our cash reserves or borrow money from private lenders at higher interest rates in order to fund our infrastructure needs. The investigation by Kroll was designed to provide our outside auditors, KPMG, with the information needed to complete our audits going back to 2003; however, KPMG has yet to produce their final report. As Budget Committee Chair, I continue to pressure KPMG to complete their work in a timely manner, so we can restore the City's credit rating and return to the public bond market. As with everything else in this financial crisis, progress has been slow, expensive, and frustrating; however, with each step we take we create a model for other cities around the nation to follow as they encounter many of the same issues San Diego has already faced.

All of these demands on the budget mean that some popular city services will be squeezed and that we will have to look at a variety of options for reducing costs and increasing revenue – whether it be cost recovery from users of city programs, renegotiating rents for those who use city property, thoroughly analyzing our real estate portfolio and possibly selling some assets, or saving money through restructuring and improved efficiency.

I urge each of you to contact my office, the Mayor, and other city officials to let us know what city services and costs you believe should be funding priorities. I also hope you will attend public hearings to discuss next year's budget. Look for a schedule of those public hearings in upcoming newsletters.

# MTS SERVICE CHANGES

On January 28, 2007, the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) implemented service changes on select bus routes of its public transportation network. The changes are part of normal schedule adjustments that are implemented three times each year in, January, June and September, to fine tune the system.

Changes included schedule modifications to over 47 bus routes throughout the MTS system. The modifications included an extended span of service on highly used routes, improved frequency on bus routes, and the restructuring of service hours on selected busroutes. The changes focused on optimizing bus route scheduling, modifying I-15 express services, and reducing service on bus routes with low ridership. Significant changes include:

## CENTRAL (Mission Valley to 94, Downtown to 125)

- Expanded trips and span of service on Routes 15, 27 and 916/917
- Improved schedule timing on Routes 4, and 7

## NORTH CENTRAL (I-5 to I-15, Mission Valley to 52)

- Improved schedule timing on Route 50
- Improved schedule timing on Route 44

## I-15 CORRIDOR

- Improved schedule timing on Route 210
- Improved weekend service for Mira Mesa via modified Route 921
- Modified Commuter express services
- Schedule changes on Route 20
- Schedule and routing changes on Routes 810,820,850 and 860
- Route 980/990 discontinued
- Schedule changes to Routes 844 and 845

## UNIVERSITY CITY (north of SR 52)

- Expanded span of service on Route 41
- Expanded number of trips on Route 48
- Improved schedule timing on Route 150 and Route 89

## SOUTH BAY (south of SR 54)

- Expanded number of trips and span of service on Route 705 and Route 712
- Route 713 replaced by extended Route 705
- Route 702 replaced by extended Route 704
- Route 706A discontinued

In March, 2007 MTS will implement the final phase of its new comprehensive master plan that is designed to provide faster, more direct and more frequent service in most areas of the MTS service territory.

To learn more about the upcoming changes commuters are encouraged to pick up Rider Alert pamphlets located aboard all MTS Buses and Trolley's or visit [www.sdcommute.com](http://www.sdcommute.com); to view all route maps and timetables. Trip planning operators are also available at 1-800-COMMUTE. Please check these resources often as additional changes to the system will be implemented in March 2007.

*(Information provided by Luis Gonzalez, Media Communications Specialist, MTS)*



# UPCOMING ELECTIONS IN CITY HEIGHTS

The City Heights Area Planning Committee (CHAPC) will hold its annual election on March 5, 2007 to fill ten seats that are up for election. CHAPC provides citizens with an opportunity for involvement in advising the City Council, the Planning Commission, and other decision makers on development projects, general or community plan amendments, rezonings and public facilities. The recommendations of the group are integral components of the planning process, and are highly regarded by the City Council and by staff. For these reasons, it is important to have a committee that represents the widest possible range of the community of City Heights. There are resident seats to fill in Districts 1 through 4, business seats, a school/nonprofit seat, and at-large seats. It is our hope that every City Heights resident and every group, agency, and association will help search for interested and dedicated candidates.

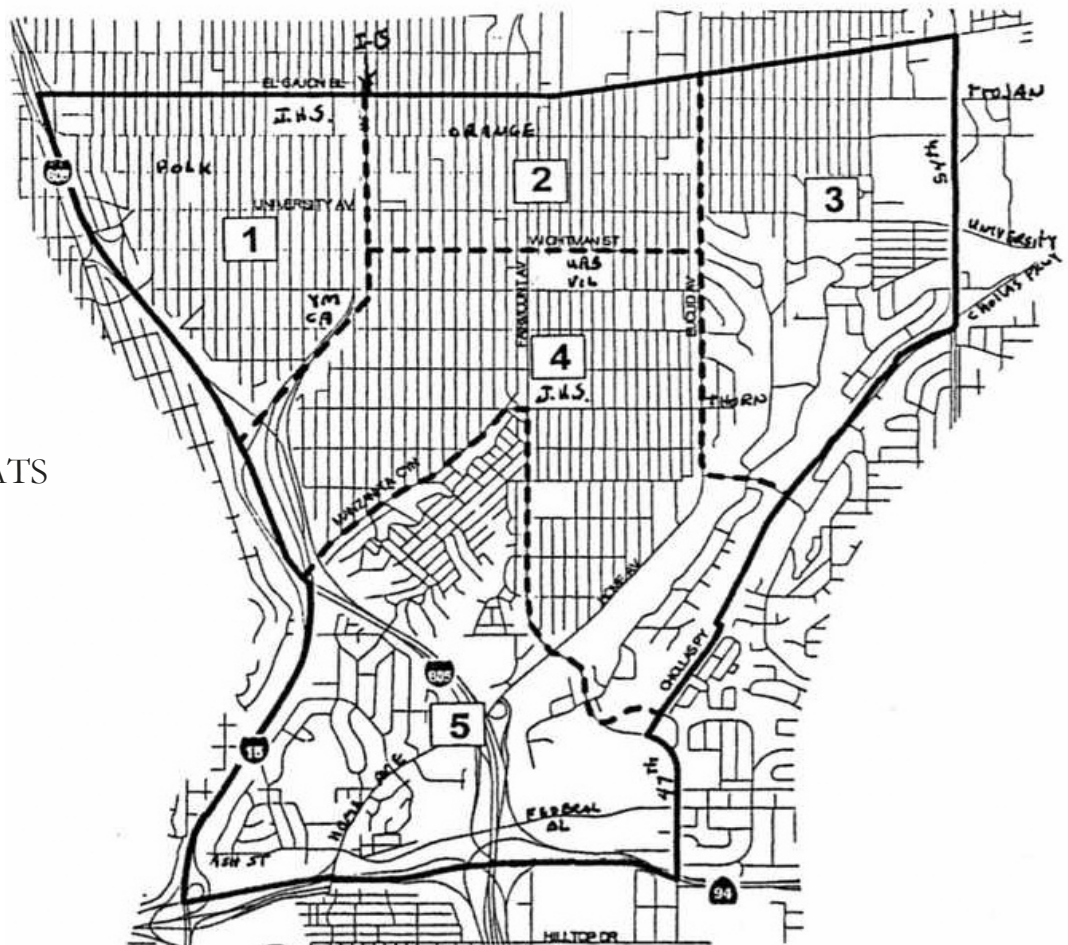
Anyone interested in obtaining more information may call my office or any of the following CHAPC Election Subcommittee members:

Russ Connelly: (619) 266-7161  
 Ahmed Malinomar: (619) 981-2456  
 Jessie Sargent (619) 282-4597 or (619) 889-4597

**DEADLINE TO DECLARE  
 CANDIDACY IS  
 FEBRUARY 26, 2007**

ELECTION DISTRICT  
 BOUNDARIES  
 And  
 OPEN SEATS

DISTRICTS	OPEN SEATS
1	1
2	1
3	1
4	2
School/Nonprofit	1
Business	2
At Large	2





# NEW PROJECTS UNDERWAY IN 2007

## *Infrastructure Update*

### 25TH STREET RENAISSANCE PROJECT

The 25th Street Renaissance project leaps ahead with a partnership between the City of San Diego's Traffic Engineering Department and the Greater Golden Hill Community Development Corporation (GGHCDC). The Traffic Engineering Department's Capital Improvements Division will coordinate the engineering and construction of this project in partnership with the GGHCDC. A key component to this project is community input on design and amenities. Watch for 25th Street community design forums to take place over the next few months. Features include pedestrian and traffic improvements along the 25th Street commercial corridor from Interstate 94 to Russ Blvd at Golden Hill Park. This project is made possible through funding from the SANDAG Smart Growth Improvement Project and CalTrans Transportation Enhancement Funding.

### CHEROKEE POINT PARK CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS

Funding is in place for the construction of two children's play areas at Cherokee Point Park (also known as Park de la Cruz Phase II) in City Heights. Construction of the park will begin by mid-2007, with an anticipated completion date in the late fall. These play facilities will be a great asset to the children that live and go to school in the area.



### BRIDGE VIEW PLACE/ PARK VIEW INN UPDATE

Many University Heights residents have raised concerns about the property at 1299 Lincoln Avenue. The property was formerly the Park View Inn Motel which was a nuisance to the neighborhood. Last year, the property was sold. The project got off to a slow start due to the owner's unfamiliarity with San Diego's building processes. However, I am pleased to share that all of the correct permits have been obtained and the building has passed all of its inspections thus far. Currently, there have been electrical, plumbing, and structural repairs completed. There will be new drywall, stucco repairs, added insulation, new interior and exterior paint, new windows and doors, new flooring, all new fixtures (plumbing & electrical), and new cabinets in the next few months. The builders are still strategizing in relation to the placement of parking spaces. The project is currently expected to be completed in May if no complications arise. I will keep you posted.

### VERMONT STREET BRIDGE BOLLARD REPLACEMENT

Look for work to begin in February to replace the bollard on the south end of the Vermont Street Pedestrian Bridge. Supervisor Ron Roberts and I have contributed funds to construct a lighted bollard that was demolished a few years ago by a vehicle. Thanks to the volunteer efforts of contractor Rhett Butler and community organizations, the project will start shortly.



# MORE PROJECTS UNDERWAY IN 2007...

## *Infrastructure Update*

### 39TH STREET PARK RESTROOMS

Park Planning staff will be on hand at the Adams Avenue Recreation Council meeting on Tuesday, February 27th, 7:00pm at the Adams Recreation Center, 3491 Adams Avenue to discuss exterior color and finishes of a new restroom facility adjacent to the playground. Staff is working to finalize the construction documents, and your input is needed on the exterior appearance of the facility. For more information, please contact my office at (619) 236-6633.

### NORMAL STREET PARKING PROJECT

I have been working closely with Uptown Partnership and the City's Engineering Department on a project that will generate new parking spaces in the first median in Normal Street near University Avenue. The parking project coupled with the signal light at that intersection will provide much-needed parking to the surrounding businesses. Look for construction to begin sometime in the middle of this year.

### NORTH PARK SIDEWALK PROJECT

A project to construct two blocks of new sidewalks and curb bulb-outs in the North Park business area will begin by mid-2007. The project will include the south side of University Avenue from 28th Street to Granada Avenue. I have been working with the North Park Mainstreet Design Committee on design and pre-construction issues. In advance of the construction, we will inform affected business and property owners of the construction timeline and schedule. Earlier this month I was able to identify additional funds to install custom tree grates as part of the project.

### ALDINE DRIVE STABILIZATION

RBF Consulting and their subcontractors are currently performing the four Environmental Studies needed to attain the NEPA Environmental Clearance as a condition of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Grant. The Environmental Studies include the Visual Impact Assessment, Biology, Historical Section 106, and Traffic (the Traffic Study is being performed by RBF in house) Studies. Engineering and Capital Projects (ECP) anticipates that all of the studies will be concluded by April 2007. Once concluded, the studies will be sent to Caltrans for review. ECP staff along with my office will have another meeting with the Community Steering Group for their input, especially for the Visual Impact Study which will include different Visuals of the final wall itself. Once Caltrans is satisfied with the Studies they will issue the "ok" to proceed with the design. ECP anticipates the decision for the chosen design to occur towards the end of summer.



## **SSCC...WELCOME TO COUNCIL DISTRICT 3!**

Recently our Sudanese neighbors opened the Southern Sudanese Community Center (SSCC) at 4077 Fairmount Avenue. Its mission is to help Sudanese immigrants adjust to life in the U.S. and assist families to be self-sufficient. The Center offers educational, social, and economic programs for adults and young people. It helps Sudanese immigrants adjust to life in the U.S., and it hopes to reserve Sudanese culture and traditions. Most Sudanese immigrants speak little or no English. They often come from rural areas in Sudan and have to learn the skills needed for urban life here. The Center offers assistance with English and urban life.

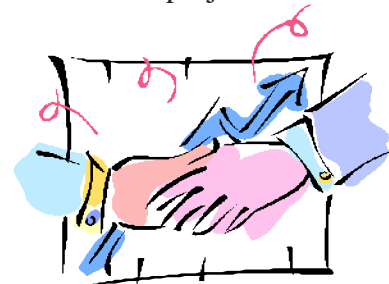
The SSCC is a non-profit operation with only volunteer staff. It receives grants from the Jacobs Family Foundation, Price Charities and other supporting organizations. The staff is working hard to make the Center's programs effective for Sudanese immigrants and refugees. When you're in the vicinity of Fairmount and Polk, you might stop in to see the Center and meet the volunteer staff. Mr. Dep Tuany presently leads the volunteers. I'm sure they would appreciate a short visit.

## **ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS!**

The Greater Golden Hill Community Development Corporation (GGHCDC) is a non-profit organization that is responsible for many of the improvements in the Greater Golden Hill area. The GGHCDC is pleased to invite you to join in the new Greater Golden Hill Business Directory. Through the good offices of the North Park News and San Diego Metropolitan Magazine, they will distribute 20,000 copies of the new Greater Golden Hill Business Directory this spring. Door-to-door delivery of the Directory includes all of Golden Hill and South Park, with thousands of additional copies to be distributed in North Park and other neighboring communities where residents would prefer to use your services and buy your products. The Greater Golden Hill Business Directory will provide a handy reference to local businesses. The Directory will include stories and photographs about Golden Hill and South Park, making the Directory a pleasurable reference guide for neighbors and visitors. If you would like to participate or have any questions please call Cyndi Meeves at (619) 398-8926.

## **CONGRATULATIONS, MIKE MAGERS!**

I attended the Annual Meeting of the Adams Avenue Business Association on January 16th where I had the privilege of honoring Mike Magers, the board president of the AABA board of directors. After 18 years of service on the board, Mike is taking time off to devote more time to his booming auto repair business, Smitty's Service. I presented him with a resolution from the Mayor and City Council to recognize his many years of support to the small businesses along Adams Avenue and his work in bringing together different groups in Normal Heights to create a vibrant business and residential community. Congratulations to Mike on many years of service to Normal Heights and I wish him the best on his "retirement" and future projects.



# GANG PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

## NEWLY FORMED GANG COMMISSION

In November of last year, I along with my Council Colleagues voted to appoint seventeen members to the city's newly established Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention. This was the final step in the formation of the committee. They are now fully constituted and have begun conducting meetings.

The Commission will play a vital role in assisting the San Diego Police Department to combat crime related to gangs and to the reduction of gang involvement. The Commission will also serve as an official advisory body to the Mayor and City Council on policy issue relating to gang prevention and intervention.

Gangs are a serious issue not only in my District, but throughout the City of San Diego. I look forward to working with the Gang Commission and police department on this very important issue.

***The following is information provided by the police department, which I hope you find helpful as we fight to prevent gang-related crime and violence.***

Parents whose children show signs of gang involvement and other problems need to take firm control of the situation. Reassert your involvement and control over your children's activities, dress, friends, and finances. Help is available from many community organizations. Some of those that offer counseling and diversion programs are listed below.

Barrio Station	(619) 238-0314
Building Bridges Together	(888) 843-5800
Casa Familiar	(619) 428-1115
Harmonium	(858) 566-5740
Safe San Diego	(858) 565-4148
San Diego Urban League	(619) 263-3115
Social Advocates for Youth (SAY)	(619) 283-9624
South Bay Community Services	(619) 420-3620
Union or Pan Asian Communities	(619) 232-6454
Jackie Robinson YMCA	(619) 264-0144

## GANG HOTLINE: (619) 533-6511

Do you have information about gang activity in your community and are afraid to call the police? Please call (619) 533-6511. The information will be passed on anonymously to the appropriate authorities.

## GRAFFITI VANDALISM

Parents and guardians need to discuss with their children the importance of respect for property and the effects graffiti has on the victim, vandal, and the vandal's family. The City's Municipal Code now makes parents and guardians civilly liable for up to \$25,000 of property damage caused by their minor children. They must also reimburse the city for any reward that is paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of their minor child for graffiti crimes. Furthermore, the State Penal Code makes a parent liable for any fine that his or her minor child is unable to pay. The amount of the fines depends on the amount of the damage; the maximum fine is \$50,000. Thus, parents have a strong incentive to make sure their children are not graffiti taggers. The signs of a graffiti tagger include: tags on clothes or other personal possessions; use of tagger jargon; frequent use of baggy jackets and small backpacks that can hide spray cans; paint or dye on hands and under fingernails; and used graffiti devices. If you think that your child might be involved with graffiti, call the *Graffiti Control Hotline* at (619) 525-8522 for further information and organizations to call for assistance.

## CURFEW VIOLATIONS

Parents should know the activities and whereabouts of their minor children (under 18 years old) and make sure that they are home during curfew hours, which is the period from 10:00 p.m. any evening of the week until 6:00 a.m. the following day. Minors can be cited for curfew violations under Sec. 58.0102 of the San Diego Municipal Code, which includes nine defenses to prosecution. Parents and guardians can be cited if they permit a minor under their care and custody to violate the curfew. The City Code was amended in June 1997 because the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the prior 1947 ordinance was unconstitutionally vague and did not including exceptions to allow minors to engage in constitutionally protected activities or parents to exercise discretion in raising their children.



# District Three Community/ Neighborhood Meetings

## City Heights

Azalea Park Neighborhood Association: Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 2596 Violet Street at 6:30pm.

Contact: [info@azaleapark.org](mailto:info@azaleapark.org).

Cherokee Point Neighborhood Association: Meets the fourth Wednesday at 6:30pm, Cherokee Point Elementary School, 3735 38th Street. Contact: (619) 285-1611.

City Heights Community Development Corporation: Meets the second Thursday of each month at 6pm at 4283 El Cajon Boulevard. Contact: (619) 584-1535.

Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association: Meets the third Thursday of the month at 3850 Westgate Place at 6:30pm. Contact: [FairmountPark92105@yahoo.com](mailto:FairmountPark92105@yahoo.com).

Mid-City Rotary Club: Meets every Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm at the Pearson Ford Regional Transportation Center, 4001 El Cajon Blvd.

Contact: [Eveardo.Aguilar@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Eveardo.Aguilar@sdcounty.ca.gov)

South Castle Neighborhood Association: Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Buddhist Temple, 3322 Central Avenue. Contact: (619) 284-3118.

Swan Canyon: Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 3120 Euclid Avenue at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: [rebecca@bairfinancial.com](mailto:rebecca@bairfinancial.com).

Teralta West Neighborhood Alliance: Meets every first and third Thursday of the month at 4286 Marlborough Street at 6:30pm. Contact: (619) 281-3551.

## Golden Hill

Greater Golden Hill Community Development

Corporation (GGHCDC): Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the Moose Lodge, 1648 30th Street, beginning at 6:30pm. Contact: (619) 696-9992.

## Kensington

The Kensington/Talmadge Community Association: meets every third Wednesday at the Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive, beginning at 7pm. (dinner for a reasonable price is served prior)

## Normal Heights

Normal Heights Cultural Council: Meets the third Thursday of each month from 6:00pm-7:30pm at 4649 Hawley Boulevard.

## North Park

Altadena Neighborhood Association: Board meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at Santos Coffee at Thorn and 32nd streets. Contact: (619) 280-6662.

Burlingame Neighborhood Association: Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at different locations each month. Contact: [dbyrne4bna@cox.net](mailto:dbyrne4bna@cox.net).

North Park Community Association: Meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at North Park Recreation Center, 4044 Idaho Street. Contact: [info@northparksd.org](mailto:info@northparksd.org)

## South Park

The South Park Action Council: Meetings are held quarterly. For information or future meeting dates, e-mail Co-Chairs: Samantha Keenan at [samkeen@cox.net](mailto:samkeen@cox.net) or Connie McDonough at [conniemcdonough@cox.net](mailto:conniemcdonough@cox.net).

## Talmadge

The Kensington/Talmadge Community Association (see Kensington)

The Talmadge Community Council (TCC): Meets every third Tuesday at 4725 Lucille Drive beginning at 6:30pm.

## University Heights

The University Heights Community Development Corporation (CDC): Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the CDC office located at 4452 Park Blvd, Suite 104, at 6:30pm.

The University Heights Crime Watch and Neighborhood Association: Meets on the first Thursday of the month at Alice Birney School Auditorium, 4345 Campus Avenue. Crime Watch at 6:30pm; UHNA at 7:00pm.

## Uptown

Bankers Hill/Park West Community Association: meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm at St. Paul's Community Care Center located at 328 Maple Street. Entry is through the parking lot on the west side of the building. Contact: [EucalyptusAlert@aol.com](mailto:EucalyptusAlert@aol.com)

Hillcrest Town Council and Hillcrest Neighborhood Watch: meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Neighborhood Watch meets at 6:30pm followed by the Town Council at 7:00pm at Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue, Uptown District Shopping Center next to Aladdin Restaurant. Contact: [nancy@hillquest.com](mailto:nancy@hillquest.com).

# How To Contact Us

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## MONTHLY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

### Adams Avenue Business Association

4649 Hawley Boulevard Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7:30am. Contact: (619) 282-7329.

### City Heights Business Association

Board meetings: second Wednesday of every month at 8am at the Metro Career Center Community Room, 3910 University Avenue. Contact: (619) 516-2282.

### El Cajon Blvd. Business Improvement Association

3727 El Cajon Boulevard Meets the third Thursday of the month, 11:30am. Contact: (619) 283-3608.

### Hillcrest Association

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in the Uptown District Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 5:00pm. Contact: (619) 299-3330.

### North Park Main Street

3076 University Avenue Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00am. Contact: (619) 294-2501.

## MONTHLY REDEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

### North Park Project Area Committee

California Nat'l Bank, 3180 University Ave., 2nd Floor Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm. Contact: Roger Lewis, Chair, at (619) 881-8977.

### City Heights Project Area Committee

Metro Career Center, 3910 University Ave., 1st Floor Meets the second Monday of the month, 6pm. Contact: Karen Bucey, Chair, (619) 957-5818.

# DISTRICT THREE

## MONTHLY DISTRICT THREE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Balboa Park Committee

Santa Fe Room of the Balboa Park Club (Off Presidents Way west of Park Blvd.). Meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: Darlene Davies, Chair: ddavies@mail.sdsu.edu

### City Heights Area Planning Committee

Metro Career Center, Community Room, 3910 University Avenue. Meets the first Monday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: Stefanie Harris, Chair: chapc.stefanie@gmail.com

### Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee (GGHPC)

Balboa Golf Course Clubhouse, Golden Hill. Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: Patricia Shields, Chair, (619) 295-1374.

### Greater North Park Community Planning Committee

North Park Christian Fellowship, Second Floor, 2901 North Park Way. Meets the third Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: Vicki Granowitz, Chair, (619) 584-1203, or vdgwrl@aol.com

### Kensington/Talmadge Planning Group

Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: Fred Lindahl, Chair, (619) 287-3157.

### Normal Heights Community Planning Group

4649 Hawley Boulevard. Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm.

Contact: Judy Elliot, Chair, (619) 563-5473.

### Uptown Planners

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in the Uptown District. Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. Contact: Leo Wilson, Chair, (619) 574-0109.



## DISTRICT THREE STAFF

**Denise Price**, Chief of Staff.

**Dale Kelly Bankhead**, Committee Consultant to the Committee on Budget and Finance. Communications Director; LGBT community liaison; HIV/AIDS issues; special orders of business.

**April Chesebro**, Council Representative to Kensington, Talmadge, North Park, South Park, Golden Hill and University Heights; homeless and senior issues.

**Katrina Crawford**, Council Representative to City Heights; African-American community liaison.

**Stephen Hill**, Policy Advisor/Council Representative to Metropolitan Transit System, SANDAG transportation, environment, libraries, arts and culture, land use citywide; MSCP, Transit Occupancy Tax, water issues, military/veterans issues; Council docket coordinator.

**Pam Ison**, Council Representative to City Heights; liaison to Asian/Pacific Islander community; citywide housing and redevelopment; SANDAG regional housing; school liaison and education issues; women's, youth, health and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) issues; Chargers/Qualcomm Stadium; Community Development Block Grants; newsletter; webpage.

**Cheli Mohamed**, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Atkins and Chief of Staff Denise Price.

**Monica Pelaez**, Press Secretary/Council Representative to North Park and Normal Heights; liaison to the Latino community; Police Department liaison and public safety issues; Fire and Life Safety Services liaison.

**Jeffery Tom**, Council Representative to Balboa Park, Uptown and Hillcrest; infrastructure, citywide business issues, energy, telecommunications, BID Council.